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**DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN  
PATENT APPLICATION (37 CFR 1.63)**

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**SPLIT RING BONE SCREW FOR A SPINAL FIXATION SYSTEM**

the specification which

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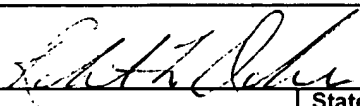
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